

REMARKS

This is in response to the Notice of Allowability dated 11 April 2008 and to the Examiner's Amendment attached thereto.

First, with respect to the Notice of Allowability, Applicant has noted that the Examiner has inadvertently stated that Claim 35, rather than Claim 45, has been allowed at item 2 of the Notice of Allowability. Applicant recognizes that the Examiner has correctly listed the allowed claims at the end of his Examiner's Amendment, but nevertheless requests that the Notice of Allowability be corrected so as to avoid any problems during the processing of this application into an issued United States Patent.

With regard to the Examiner's Amendment, on the other hand, Applicant acknowledges that its undersigned representative agreed with the Examiner that all of the limitations of Claim 2 could be incorporated into Claims 1, 39, 45 and 53 by Examiner's Amendment so as to place this application in condition for allowance. Unfortunately, to accomplish that objective, the Examiner has simply added the wording of Claim 2 to the end of Claims 1, 39, 45 and 53 respectively in the Examiner's Amendment of 11 April 2008. Applicant respectfully submits that the result of the Examiner's Amendment is unsatisfactory in that the Examiner's Amendment has created claims that are confusing and duplicative in their phraseology.

Applicant's undersigned representative agreed to an incorporation of all of the limitations of Claim 2 into Claims 1, 39, 45 and 51, not the simple addition of the language of Claim 2 into Claims 1, 39, 45 and 51 without regard to the overall phraseology of the resulting claims.. Applicant respectfully submits that the foregoing Amendment of the Examiner's claim wording removes the duplicative wording of the Examiner's amended claims and otherwise states the subject matter being claimed in a more clear and definite manner. Accordingly, entry of the foregoing amendment to the Examiner's claim wording in response to this submission is respectfully requested prior to the issuance of the above-identified application as a United States Patent.

In view of the foregoing Amendment and Remarks, therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the Notice of Allowability dated 11 April 2008 be corrected so as to reflect the current numbers of the allowed claims and further that the claims of this application as they currently stand be amended so as to correct and clarify the phraseology thereof in response to this submission prior to the issuance of the above-identified application as a United States Patent.

Applicant believes that additional fees beyond those submitted herewith are not required in connection with the consideration of this response to the currently outstanding Official Action. However, if for any reason a fee is required, a fee paid is inadequate or credit is owed for any excess fee paid, you are hereby authorized and requested to charge and/or credit Deposit Account No. **04-1105**, as necessary, for the correct payment of all fees which may be due in connection with the filing and consideration of this communication.

Respectfully submitted,

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